

REMARKS

Summary

Claims 1, 2, 4-9 and 11-17 were pending. Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-13, and 15-17 were rejected; Claim 14 remains as allowed. In the Office action of November 9, 2007, the Claims 8 and 9 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if re-written as independent claims. In order to obtain the issuance of a patent on the currently objected to and allowed claims, the application has been amended so as to place the claims in condition for allowed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments and pass the application to issue.

Claims 8 and 9 were objected to in the Office action of November 9, 2007, and the wording of Claim 1 has been amended to return to the wording as of that date, and to incorporate the subject matter of objected to Claim 8; Claim 8 has been cancelled. This action places Claim 1 in condition for allowance. Claim 9 has been amended to be dependent on Claim 1.

Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of now cancelled Claim 8 and is now allowable for the same reasons.

Claims 3, 7, 8, 10 and 15-17 have been cancelled.

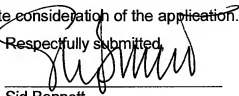
Conclusion

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9, and 11-14 are pending.

For at least the reasons given above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are allowable and looks forward to the early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,


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